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SUBJECT: MARKET SURVEYS FOR US ANIMAL FATS AND PROTEINS

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 0245 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 054400 (NOTAL)

1. REF (B) RECEIVED MARCH 14.

2. PROPOSED DATES IN IRAQ (APRIL 30 - MAY 6) INVOLVE DIRECT CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL, LONG-SCHEDULED MAY 3 - 8 STATE OF TEXAS IOGA AGRICULTURAL TRADE MISSION WHICH WILL ABSORB VIRTUALLY ALL TIME AND ATTENTION OF USINT'S SMALL COMMERCIAL STAFF. WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO GROUP'S COMING AT THAT TIME SO LONG AS CREATES MINIMAL WORKLOAD FOR USINT AS DESCRIBED BELOW. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO BRIEF GROUP SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. FOR HOTELS (SEE BAGHDAD 0354 FOR PROCEDURE USINT FOLLOWS IN GENERAL); TEAM SHOULD MAKE RESERVATIONS THROUGH JEFF SMITH, THOMAS COOK TRAVEL AGENCY, P.O.BOX 2007, SA'DOON STREET, CABLE ADDRESS: THOMSCOOK BAGHDAD, OR THROUGH ANY THOMAS COOK OFFICE IN USA (MRS. A. RYAN IS IN CHARGE OF WAWQINGTON, D.C. OFFICE). RECENTLY PROMULGATED IRAQI GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS REQUIRE FROM ALL PARTIES A TEN DINAR (34 DOLLAR) NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PER PERSON AGAINST NO-SHOW IN ORDER TO SECURE
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RESERVATIONS. YOU CAN EITHER SEND THIS DIRECTLY TO JEFF SMITH

IN BAGHDAD OR ASK MRS. RYAN OR OTHER THOMAS COOK OFFICES IN USA TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU. USINT HAS NO RPT NO FUNDS THAT CAN LEGALLY BE SPENT FOR SUCH PURPOSE. IF USG DIRECT HIRE PERSONNEL WISH USINT TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THEM, WE WILL DO SO AFTER RECEIPT OF 34 DOLLARS PER PERSON OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FISCAL DATA.

4. IF USDA/FAS DIRECT-HIRE PERSONNEL WILL BE WITH GROUP, PROTOCOL REQUIRES US TO CLEAR VISIT THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA). PLEASE SEND NAME AND TITLE OF ALL PERSONS PLANNING MAKE TRIP. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO STRUCTURE GROUP'S VISIT TO IRAQ IN TERMS OF LEADING ROLE BY NATIONAL RENDERERS ASSOCIATION (NRA) WITH USDA OFFICER IN ESCORT ROLE. IN THAT CASE SUGGEST NRA CABLE DIRECTLY (WITH INFO COPIES TO USINT) TO DR. HUSSAIN AL-ANI, PRESIDENT, STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM, NAJI JAWAD BUILDING, SA'DOON STREET, BAGHDAD, IRAQ AND DESCRIBE PURPOSE OF VISIT AND ASK FOR SOAD'S SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS. MOST OF THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IN STATE 032546, PARA THREE CAN BE PROVIDED IN BAGHDAD BY DR. AL-ANI'S ORGANIZATION. WHAT CANNOT, CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH VEGETABLE OILS STATE COMPANY, P.O.BOX 2379, MUASKAR AL-RASHID ROAD, BAGHDAD--AN ENTITY OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND MINERALS. THERE IS PROBABLY NO RPT NO NEED FOR TRAVEL TO BASRA. BUT IN ANY EVENT TRAVEL SHOULD BE CLEARED AND SPONSORED BY SOAD. IF SOAD IS WELL-DISPOSED TO PROPOSED VISIT, ALL PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WILL DISAPPEAR. IF SOAD DOES NOT SUPPORT VISIT, IT SHOULD BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED.

5. WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE ROLE FOR MRS. AZAWI WITH HER AT NEXT CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.
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